

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1651

M. Clark DALE et al.

Examiner: Herbert J. Lilling

Application No.: 10/056,063

Filed: January 28, 2002

For:

A HIGH SPEED, CONSECUTIVE BATCH OR CONTINUOUS, LOW EFFLUENT

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL FROM MOLASSES,

STARCHES, OR SUGARS

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone discussion with Examiner Lilling on February 12, 2004, Applicants are presently amending the claims to place the subject application in condition for allowance. The proposed amended claims are presented starting on page 2 of this proposed amendment.

A Petition for a one month Extension of Time was previously filed with our response of January 27, 2004, therefore no fees should be due. However, if this is in error, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit or credit, as appropriate, the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 1.116 in the above-captioned patent application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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XXXX If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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